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TO AMEMBASSY KINGSTON

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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION WELLINGTON CANBERRA INFO USUN NEW YORK  
SUVA CINCPAC FROM SECSTATE WASHDC 18 APR 75:

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CINCPAC/SUVA FOR AMB SELDEN

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PARM, NZ

SUBJECT: SOUTH PACIFIC NUCLEAR FREE ZONE (SPNFZ)

REFS: WELLINGTON 525, 714, 720, 822

CANBERRA 1637, 1838, 1924

1. WE APPRECIATE RECEIVING THE GONZ OUTLINE PROPOSAL FOR A  
SOUTH PACIFIC NUCLEAR WEAPON FREE ZONE PROVIDED IN WELLING-  
TON 0885. AS GONZ HAS APPARENTLY DEFERRED ANY ACTION ON  
THE PROPOSAL (STATE 83038), THERE APPEARS TO BE NO NEED TO  
PURSUE THE ISSUE IN WELLINGTON FOR THE TIME BEING. WE WILL  
WANT TO DISCUSS THE TOPIC WITH AMBASSADOR SELDEN WHEN HE IS  
IN WASHINGTON.

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2. IN THIS CONTEXT WE ARE PROVIDING YOU THE FOLLOWING FOR BACKGROUND: IT REMAINS US POLICY TO SUPPORT IN PRINCIPLE THE CONCEPT OF NUCLEAR FREE ZONES WHEN THEY CAN PLAY A USEFUL ROLE IN PREVENTING NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION. IN ASSESSING ANY SPECIFIC REGIONAL ARRANGEMENT WE WOULD TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE EXTENT TO WHICH THAT ARRANGEMENT MEETS THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA: THE NFZ SHOULD (A) BE SPONSORED BY STATES IN THE AREAS CONCERNED; (B) INCLUDE ALL STATES WHOSE PARTICIPATION IS DEEMED IMPORTANT; (C) NOT DISTURB NECESSARY SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS, AND (D) PROVIDE ADEQUATELY FOR VERIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE. IN ADDITION TO THESE FOUR CRITERIA, A CRITICAL FACTOR IS WHETHER IT EXCLUDES INDIGENOUS DEVELOPMENT OR POSSESSION OF ALL NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVES FOR WHATEVER PURPOSE. ALTHOUGH WE HAVE NOT REACHED CONCLUSIONS REGARDING SPECIFIC GONZ OUTLINE, WE WOULD EXPECT TO ASSESS ANY PROPOSAL IN TERMS OF THE ABOVE. YOU MAY DRAW ON THESE POINTS IF GONZ SHOULD SEEK US VIEWS, BUT WE WOULD PREFER TO DELAY UNTIL AFTER ANZUS MEETING.

3. A COMPREHENSIVE STUDY OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS FREE ZONES IN ALL ASPECTS WILL TAKE PLACE UNDER CCD AUSPICES IN GENEVA THIS SUMMER IN PURSUANCE OF A 1974 UNGA RESOLUTION WHICH WE SUPPORTED. AUSTRALIA, ALTHOUGH NOT A CCD MEMBER, IS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE AD HOC STUDY GROUP. OTHER INTERESTED GOVERNMENTS MAY PROVIDE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THAT STUDY WHICH WE HOPE WILL FURTHER CLARIFY NFZ ISSUES.

4. FYI: AN INTERAGENCY REVIEW OF FUTURE US NUCLEAR FREE ZONES POLICY IS CURRENTLY UNDER WAY IN THE CONTEXT OF CONSIDERATION OF LONGER-TERM NON-PROLIFERATION MEASURES. KISSINGER UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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